

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
MINUTES
January 18, 2012
7:30 P.M.
Auditorium, Town Hall

Chairman Tone called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M

Commission Members Present: Michael Tone, Wynne Shapiro, Pete Kenyon, Rick Rohr, and Keith Kearney.

Staff : Jacobson

Court Reporter: Syat

Recorded by Channel 79

Mr. Tone announced that the public hearing for EPC-38-2011, Dale & Hillary Miller, 5 Tokeneke Beach Drive, would be continued until February 1, 2012.

Mr. Tone called the first agenda item:

EPC-01-2012, Richard Davis, on behalf of William & Rose-Marie Shanahan, 58 Sunswyck Road, proposing pond dredging. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #62 as Lot #22-2.

Rick Rohr was recused for this item.

Rich Davis, contractor represented the applicant. He said they are proposing to dredge a small pond. He described the access and process of removing and stockpiling the material. He said the material will be dewatered and then removed off-site, and the area will be replanted.

Mr. Tone asked him the existing and proposed depths. Mr. Davis said the existing depth is 1-1.5 feet. They are proposing to remove 2 feet of material. Mr. Tone asked how long the process would take. Mr. Davis said 2-3 weeks. Mr. Jacobson said the work should take place during the low flow period of July thru October.

Mr. Tone made a motion to approve the application with the above stipulation on the time of dredging. Ms. Shapiro seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Mr. Tone called the next agenda item:

EPC-45-2011, Rhonda Sherwood, 55 Pembroke Road, proposing pool construction, terrace and landscaping in upland review area. The site is shown on Assessor's Map #1 as Lot #6.

Jeri Barrett, Landscape Architect, and Beth Evans, Wetland Scientist represented the applicant. Mr. Barrett said they have tried to address the comments from the Commission's December 7 meeting.

Mr. Barrett described the original 1989 wetland line and the revised line. Beth Evans said she believes her line is more representative of the wetland boundary. Mr. Barrett said they added the 100 foot upland review area from the Goodwives River. They are proposing to improve the site by converting lawn to wetland, removing invasive species and planting wetland vegetation.

Mr. Tone asked if they have a maintenance plan for the mitigation measures. Mr. Barrett said they will provide one.

Mr. Barrett said they looked at moving the spa farther from the wetland. He said the new location is still 25 feet from the wetland, but the distance of the patio to the watercourse was increased from 16 to 18 feet.

He said they looked at pervious pavers and decided they would prefer not to use them for safety and maintenance reasons. He said they reduced the patio and walkway area by 350 square feet and left the size of the drainage system the same.

He discussed the more detailed planting plan and the proposed demarcation with boulders and PVC pipe. He said they believe the clay pipe is left over from the original house.

Beth Evans described the added details of the trench drain and sump. She said the catch basin detail was revised to include sumps and hoods. The first row of Cul-techs will be an interceptor row with clean-out units. She said they do not have a perc test but they used the slowest infiltration rate.

Mr. Tone asked how frequently the system will need to be cleaned. Ms. Evans said every 5-10 years depending on whether the use of sand on the driveway.

Ms. Shapiro asked if the fence was required. Mr. Barrett said it was required by the building code.

Mr. Rohr asked about the proposed fence location near the wetland boundary, and suggested they look at locating the fence along the proposed lawn edge to help prevent the vegetation in the future from being removed. The Commission discussed the possible fence location and requested Mr. Barrett review these options with his client, and submit a proposed fence location before the next meeting.

Mr. Rohr asked about the future of the area across the stream, which is proposed to be seeded with a wet meadow mix, that may end up being mowed by the owner, or future owners. Mr. Jacobson suggested the seed mix include shrubs which will provide more permanent cover. Mr. Barrett said they will change the proposed seed mix to include wetland shrubs.

Mr. Kenyon asked about the existing play set. Mr. Barrett said they will remove it.

Mr. Tone asked if they would consider a conservation easement north of the stream. Mr. Barrett said he would discuss it with his client.

The Commission continued this item until February 1.

The following items were continued until February 1 due to the applicant not being represented:

EPC-03-2011, William Shed & Jane Glassmeyer, 8 Woods End Road, requesting to amend permit to allow sump pump, and provide stormwater detention.

Informal discussion of proposed conservation easement changes, submitted by Wilder G. Gleason, Esquire on behalf of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Culliton, 225 Brookside Road

Mr. Tone made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, as amended. Mr. Kearney seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Mr. Tone made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kenyon seconded the motion and it passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Jacobson
Environmental Protection Officer